

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 7-12 are allowed and claims 13-15 are canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William Sapone on October 18, 2011.

The claims in the application have been amended as follows:

Claim 7, lines 17-18, replace "a second cross sectional frame" with -- a second rectangular frame -- ;

Claim 7, line 21, replace "one cross sectional connector (P1)" with -- one upright (P2) -- ;

Claim 7, line 27, replace "square" with -- rectangular -- ;

Claim 7, line 31, after "having" insert -- a substantially constant cross-section, said square dowel having -- ;

Claim 7, line 32, after "(P2)" insert -- and an upper portion sufficiently exposed to a height compatible to the adjacent cross sectional piece (P3) -- ;

Claim 7, line 34, before "each coupling device" insert -- the upper portion of -- ;

Claim 7, line 34, after "adjacent to" insert -- and welded to -- ;

Claim 7, line 35, delete "for joining thereto by welding (11),"

Claim 7, line 36, after "forming" insert -- said -- ;

Claim 7, line 41, replace "being passable" with --passing -- ;

Claim 10, lines 17-18, replace "a second cross sectional frame" with -- a second rectangular frame -- ;

Claim 10, lines 20-21, replace "cross sectional connector (P1)" with --upright (P2) -- ;

Claim 10, line 26, replace "square" with -- rectangular -- ;

Claim 10, line 30, after "having" insert -- a substantially constant cross-section, said square dowel having -- ;

Claim 10, line 31, after "(P2)" insert -- and an upper portion sufficiently exposed to a height compatible to the adjacent cross sectional piece (P3) -- ;

Claim 10, line 33, before "each coupling device" insert -- the upper portion of -- ;

Claim 10, line 33, after "adjacent to" insert -- and welded to -- ;

Claim 10, line 34, delete "for joining thereto by welding (11),"

Claim 10, line 35, after "forming" insert -- said -- ;

Claim 10, line 40, replace "being passable" with --passing -- ;

Cancel claims 13-15.

The **abstract** has been amended as follows:

Line 4, replace "means" with -- device --;

Line 5, replace "means" with -- device--;

Line 18, replace "means" with -- mechanism --.

The **title** has been amended as follows:

Replace "METTALIC" with -- METALLIC --.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HIWOT TEFERA whose telephone number is (571)270-3320. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darnell Jayne can be reached on 571-272-7723. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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